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Korean War Policy Blamed For Vietnam Entanglement

Editor of The Vindicator, Sir:
May I quote a few statements from Edward Hunter, noted writer, so that your readers may better understand the Communist mind and Communist strategy? Hunter, one of the world's leading experts on psychological warfare, and author of "Brainwashing from Pavlov to Powers," has tried to expose the Communist scheme, directed by Moscow, for smearing and discrediting the anti-Communist movement in the United States, with particular vituperation against the John Birch Society.

In his December issue of "Tactics," Mr. Hunter says, "If we had not had a no-win policy in Korea, we would not now be fighting in the swamp paddies and tangled jungles of Vietnam. Communist strategy naturally is aimed at involving our manpower where it can be cooped up and bled like a cut artery.

"When dealing with Communist planners, we are at a disadvantage from the start because we seem blinded to the plain fact that Communist strategy is designed not only to determine what the Reds do, but to create a set of circumstances on their enemy's side that will shift it into doing what is to the Communist advantage, or at least to divert and paralyze it. If we are not bamboozled into abstaining from any such tactic, we would be using the USIA and the CIA to spread passive resistance—and not so passive resistance—behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains, exactly as Moscow and Peking do in the United States and elsewhere in the free world, with their anti-draft and fake pacifist movements, for example. Instead, the administration insists on considering each of these proven Red manipulations as spontaneous, and we improvise such concealing terms as "eccentric behavior" for outright treason, as Ramsey Clark, deputy attorney general, does so fervently. He has gotten away with it so neatly that unless sufficient public and press opposition develops, he will be rewarded by being promoted to

Thus are pawns in high places moved on the international chessboard. . . . What is not realized, and even denied in official and intellectual circles, is that the enemy expends just as much or more thought and energy in gaining the initiative in the mechanism of attitude-forming and opinion-making at the lowest levels in our society.

Fall Into Red Trap

"Let us consider Soviet Russian policy, to determine whether or not it constitutes a trap into which we have fallen. What would be to its greatest advantage would be to have us continue bleeding our men and resources in Vietnam without a victory or merely a local defeat. However we express it, this is administration policy. It is also the only strategy that McNamara's strange decisions fit. Why shouldn't it be, when so many key posts in top and middle echelons have been given to officers or members of the Americans for Democratic Action, the Fabian socialist representation in the United States?

"What the Kremlin plans for us is to be holding the bag at both ends. It aims at our sellout of the satellite peoples, leaving it up to government-managed news in the United States to give this a disarming name, or to provide an exciting diversion. Thailand would be set up for a repeat of the Vietnam performance, as part of the fallout from the deal. Then there would be a comradely reunion of Moscow and Peking, while the villain who tried to part them—obviously Uncle Sam—is being vilified and thrashed."

Wake up, Americans, and realize that the managed news is preparing us for one more defeat by communism!

I know that this letter is quite long, but it all seemed so important to a better understanding by our citizens of the path down which we are being led by so-called "cultural exchange," "bridge-building" and Communist-mellowing. I hope you will find room to print it all.

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